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West Virginia
Economic Summary

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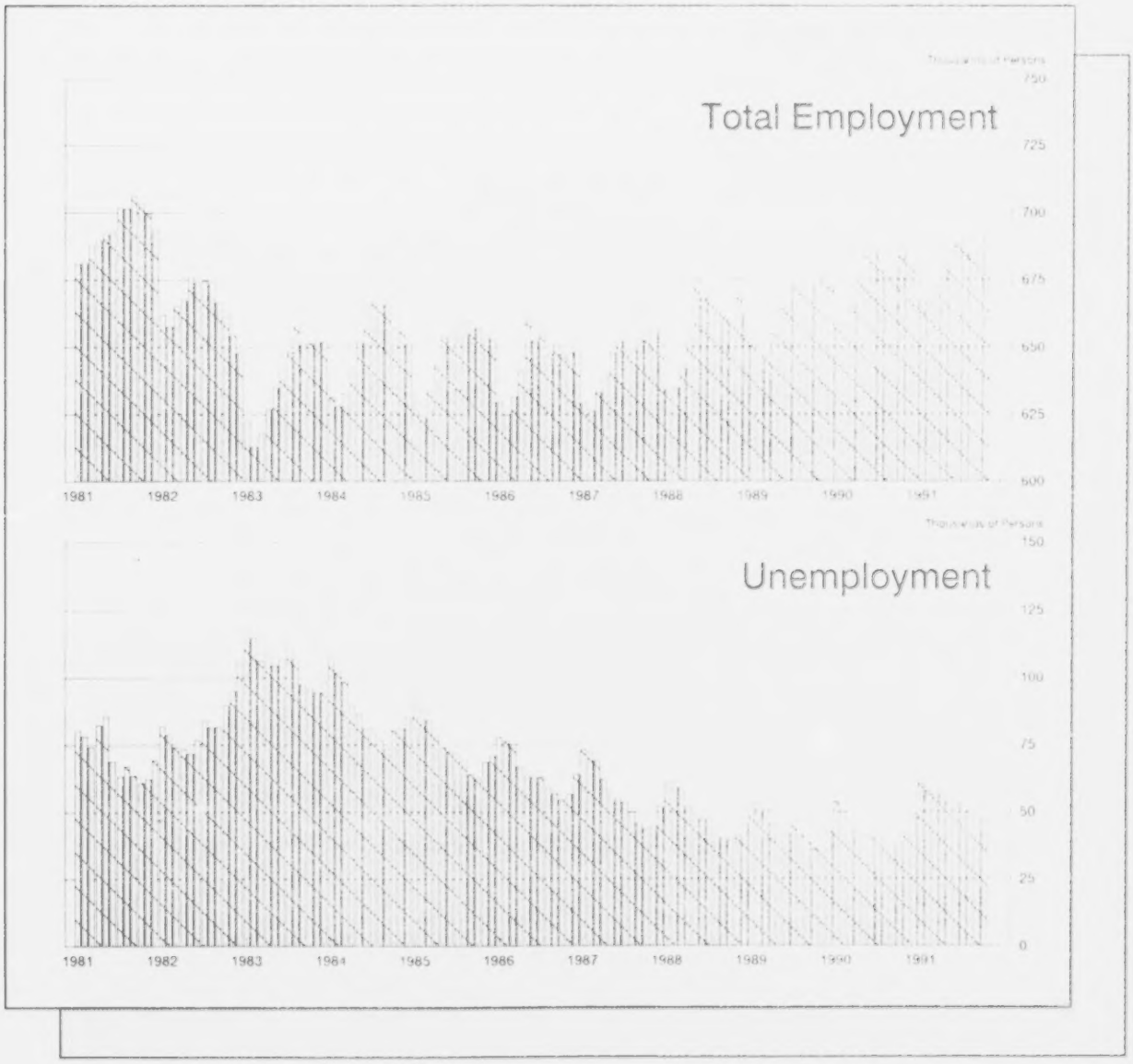
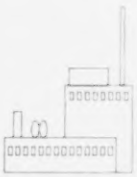


West Virginia Economic Indicators

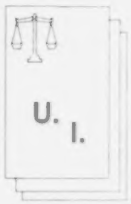


	Oct. 1991	Sept. 1991	Oct. 1990
Average Weekly Hours in Manufacturing			
Unadjusted	40.4	40.7	40.5
Seasonally Adjusted	40.4	40.9	40.5
Total Production Worker Hours in Manufacturing (000), Weekly, Unadjusted	2,561	2,584	2,669
Average Weekly Earnings in Manufacturing, Unadjusted	$473.49	$481.89	$475.47

Average Weekly Hours in Bituminous Coal Mining, Unadjusted	45.9	47.0	44.5
Average Weekly Earnings in Bituminous Coal Mining, Unadjusted	$839.51	$876.08	$800.56
Coal Production (000 Tons)			
Unadjusted	15,282	13,438	15,575
Seasonally Adjusted	13,957	12,895	14,225

Commercial and Industrial Electric Power Sales (000,000 KWH)			
Unadjusted	1,103	1,144	1,081
Seasonally Adjusted	1,171	1,141	1,148

New Motor Vehicle Registrations, Unadjusted	6,880	5,176	8,093



Interstate Initial Claims			
Unadjusted	1,246	1,005	1,216
Seasonally Adjusted	1,316	1,279	1,284
Average Weekly Initial Claims			
Unadjusted	2,002	1,444	1,847
Seasonally Adjusted	2,418	2,009	2,231
Insured Unemployment Rate			
Unadjusted	2.7	3.2	2.3
Seasonally Adjusted	3.7	4.5	3.1
Total Unemployment Rate, Seasonally Adjusted (WV Series)	7.5	7.6	6.2

NOTE: Data for prior month and year may be revised from previously published figures.

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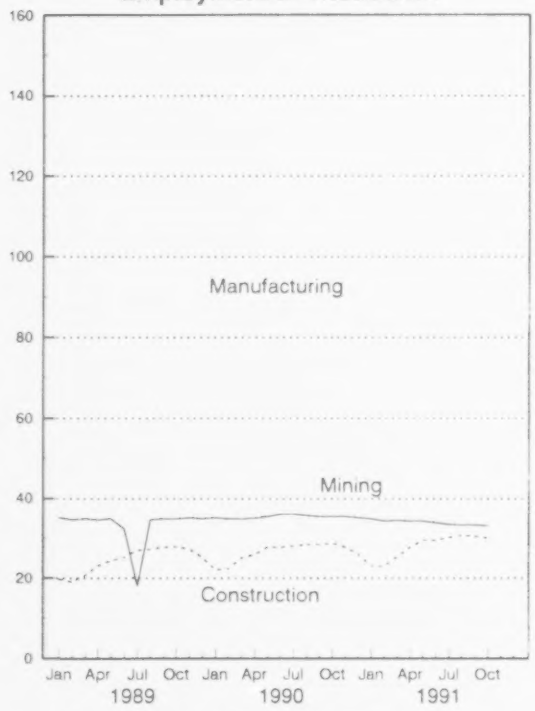
Selected National Data

	Oct. 1991	Sept. 1991	Oct. 1990
Civilian Unemployment Rate			
Unadjusted	6.4	6.4	5.4
Seasonally Adjusted	6.8	6.7	5.7
Consumer Price Index, All Urban Consumers			
Unadjusted			
1982-84 Base	137.4	137.2	133.5
1967 Base	411.5	411.1	400.0
Producer Price Index, Finished Goods			
Unadjusted, 1982 Base	122.3	121.3	122.3
Initial Claims for Unemployment Insurance (000) Week including 12th, Unadjusted	389.1	341.9	356.0
Insured Unemployment Rate, Week including 12th			
Unadjusted	2.5	2.6	2.1
Seasonally Adjusted	3.1	3.1	2.6

Trends in the West Virginia Labor Market

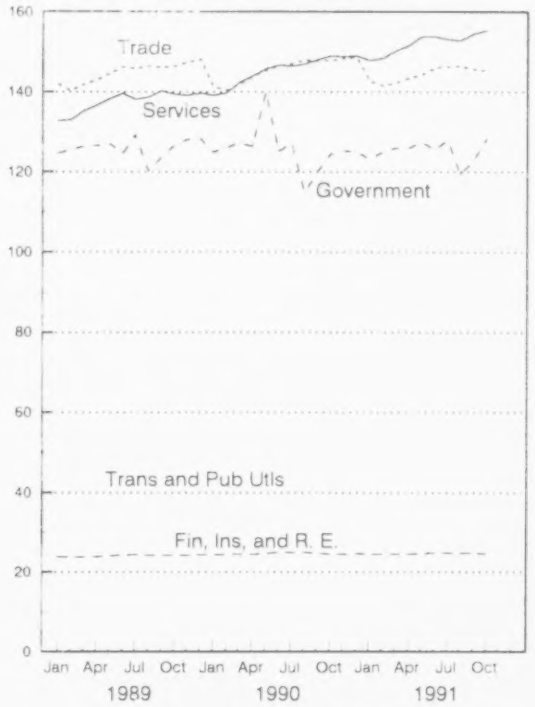
Goods Producing Employment

Employment in Thousands



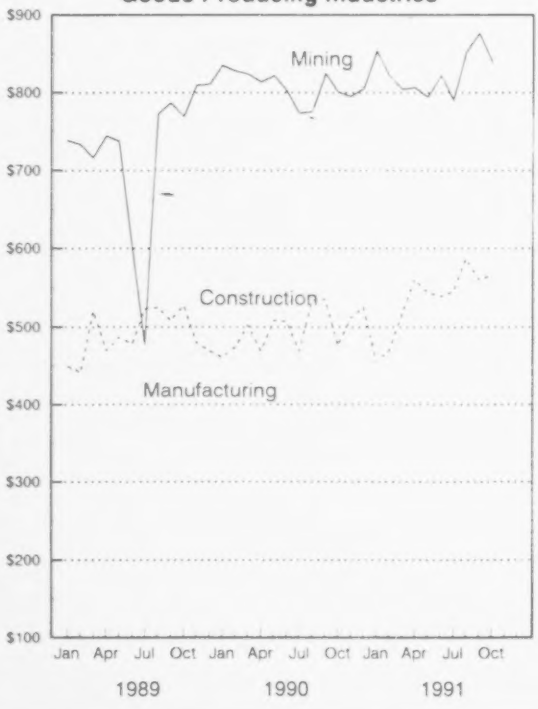
Service Producing Employment

Employment in Thousands



Average Weekly Earnings

Goods Producing Industries



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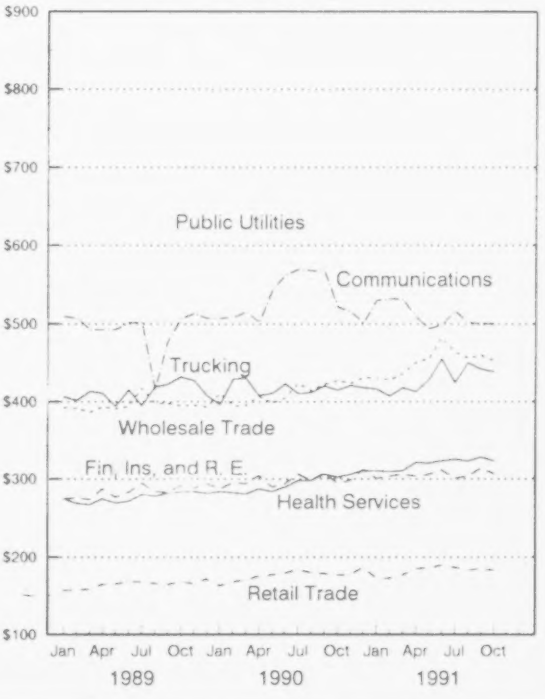


TOTAL EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE IN WEST VIRGINIA

WV Series Labor Force Data *(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)*	Prelim. Oct.'91	Revised Sep.'91	Revised Oct.'90	Change From: Sep. 1991	Change From: Oct. 1990
Civilian Labor Force	738.3	735.0	726.3	3.3	12.0
Total Employment	691.3	686.5	687.9	4.8	3.4
Total Unemployment	47.0	48.5	38.4	-1.5	8.6
Unemployment Rate	6.4	6.6	5.3	xx	xx
BLS Series Labor Force Data *(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)*					
Civilian Labor Force	781.3	776.9	770.9	4.4	10.4
Total Employment	708.8	702.9	706.0	5.9	2.8
Total Unemployment	72.5	74.0	64.9	-1.5	7.6
Unemployment Rate	9.3	9.5	8.4	xx	xx

EMPLOYMENT: Total employment increased 4,800 between September and October, due largely to seasonal education additions. There were 691,300 state residents who held jobs in October 1991, 3,400 more than a year ago.

Goods-producing industries showed declines between September and October in mining (-100) and construction (-500). Manufacturing showed no net change over the month, as losses in metals and chemicals were offset by employment additions among apparel and paper products companies.

College and university enrollments are at record highs this year, causing gains in student workers that helped generate increases of 3,700 in state government and 1,300 in private sector educational services. Seasonal employment reductions continued in the tourism-sensitive industries of amusements(-400), hotels(-200) and restaurants(-700). Other than restaurants, trade employment looked strong with new store hires boosting the general merchandise category in particular.

Compared with October of last year, nonfarm payroll employment is ahead by 3,900. The shift from a goods-producing to a service-producing economy continues as the goods-producing industries altogether lost 3,600 employees since October of last year while the service-producing industries gained 7,500.

UNEMPLOYMENT: The number of unemployed state residents declined by 1,500 during October, to a level of 47,000 statewide. The rate of unemployment dropped to 6.4 percent for October, down from 6.6 percent in September, and 6.8 in August. These generally seasonal improvements are a welcome development, despite the lingering recessionary effects in comparison with last October's lower rate of 5.3 percent and 8,600 fewer unemployed persons.

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Prelim. Oct.'91	Revised Sep.'91	Revised Oct.'90	Prelim. Oct.'91	Revised Sep.'91	Revised Oct.'90	Prelim. Oct.'91	Revised Sep.'91	Revised Oct.'90
Manufacturing	$473.49	$481.89	$475.47	40.4	40.7	40.5	$11.72	$11.84	$11.74
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	449.16	452.37	426.01	39.4	39.2	39.3	11.40	11.54	10.84
Primary Metals Industries	633.46	644.92	632.78	42.6	43.4	43.7	14.87	14.86	14.48
Fabricated Metal Products	423.00	408.41	416.23	37.6	37.4	37.6	11.25	10.92	11.07
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	503.05	502.66	471.98	41.2	41.0	40.1	12.21	12.26	11.77
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	568.00	584.31	534.66	42.9	43.9	42.0	13.24	13.31	12.73
Chemicals & Allied Products	737.84	741.20	748.19	46.0	45.5	45.4	16.04	16.29	16.48
Coal Mining	839.51	876.08	800.56	45.9	47.0	44.5	18.29	18.64	17.99
Construction	565.78	561.05	476.13	39.1	38.8	35.4	14.47	14.46	13.45

Statewide Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

(In Thousands – Not Seasonally Adjusted)

October 1991

	Prelim. Oct.'91	Revised Sep.'91	Revised Oct.'90	Change From: Sep. 1991	Change From: Oct. 1990
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	638.0	632.8	634.1	5.2	3.9
PRIVATE SECTOR	509.8	510.0	509.7	-0.2	0.1
GOODS-PRODUCING	147.2	147.8	150.8	-0.6	-3.6
Mining	33.3	33.4	35.5	-0.1	-2.2
Coal Mining	27.9	27.9	29.8	0.0	-1.9
Oil & Gas Extraction	4.4	4.5	4.7	-0.1	-0.3
Other Mining	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Construction	30.1	30.6	28.9	-0.5	1.2
General Building Contractors	6.8	7.1	7.3	-0.3	-0.5
Heavy Construction	9.0	9.2	9.0	-0.2	0.0
Special Trade Contractors	14.3	14.3	12.6	0.0	1.7
Manufacturing	83.8	83.8	86.4	0.0	-2.6
Durable Goods	45.7	45.9	49.0	-0.2	-3.3
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	7.9	7.9	7.7	0.0	0.2
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	7.6	7.7	7.9	-0.1	-0.3
Primary Metals Industries	13.1	13.3	14.7	-0.2	-1.6
Fabricated Metal Products	5.4	5.4	5.5	0.0	-0.1
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	4.9	4.9	5.9	0.0	-1.0
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	2.6	2.5	2.7	0.1	-0.1
Transportation Equipment	1.9	1.9	2.4	0.0	-0.5
Other Durable Goods	2.3	2.3	2.4	0.0	-0.1
Nondurable Goods	38.1	37.9	37.4	0.2	0.7
Food & Kindred Products	4.2	4.2	4.2	0.0	0.0
Textile Mill Products	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.0	0.1
Apparel & Other Textile Products	4.5	4.3	4.3	0.2	0.2
Paper & Allied Products	1.2	1.1	1.1	0.1	0.1
Printing & Publishing	5.0	5.0	5.2	0.0	-0.2
Chemicals & Allied Products	17.4	17.6	17.3	-0.2	0.1
Other Nondurable Goods	4.8	4.7	4.4	0.1	0.4
SERVICE-PRODUCING	490.8	485.0	483.3	5.8	7.5
Transportation & Public Utilities	37.2	37.3	37.5	-0.1	-0.3
Railroad Transportation	3.6	3.7	3.9	-0.1	-0.3
Trucking & Warehousing	9.4	9.4	9.3	0.0	0.1
Other Transportation	3.6	3.6	3.7	0.0	-0.1
Communications	8.2	8.2	8.2	0.0	0.0
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	12.4	12.4	12.4	0.0	0.0
Trade	145.3	145.6	147.8	-0.3	-2.5
Wholesale Trade	30.1	30.0	30.3	0.1	-0.2
Retail Trade	115.2	115.6	117.5	-0.4	-2.3
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	5.2	5.3	5.3	-0.1	-0.1
General Merchandise Stores	16.4	16.1	16.6	0.3	-0.2
Food Stores	22.8	22.7	22.9	0.1	-0.1
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	14.2	14.4	15.0	-0.2	-0.8
Apparel & Accessory Stores	5.0	5.0	6.9	0.0	-1.9
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	4.3	4.2	4.4	0.1	-0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	35.4	36.1	35.4	-0.7	0.0
Miscellaneous Retail	11.9	11.8	11.4	0.1	0.5
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	24.7	24.8	24.6	-0.1	0.1
Finance	14.0	14.1	14.0	-0.1	0.0
Insurance	6.4	6.4	6.4	0.0	0.0
Real Estate	4.3	4.3	4.2	0.0	0.1
Services	155.4	154.5	149.0	0.9	6.4
Agricultural Services	2.7	2.6	2.8	0.1	-0.1
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	9.3	9.5	8.7	-0.2	0.6
Personal Services	6.1	6.4	6.0	-0.3	0.1
Business Services	14.4	14.4	14.3	0.0	0.1
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	6.3	6.2	6.3	0.1	0.0
Amusements, Incl. Motion Pictures	5.9	6.3	6.1	-0.4	-0.2
Health Services	58.2	58.2	56.1	0.0	2.1
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	10.9	10.9	10.4	0.0	0.5
Hospitals	29.1	29.1	28.1	0.0	1.0
Other Health Services	18.2	18.2	17.6	0.0	0.6
Legal Services	4.4	4.4	4.1	0.0	0.3
Educational Services	6.6	5.3	6.2	1.3	0.4
Social Services	12.3	12.0	9.9	0.3	2.4
Membership Organizations	19.6	19.6	19.6	0.0	0.0
Engineering & Management Services	8.8	8.8	8.5	0.0	0.3
Other Services	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Government	128.2	122.8	124.4	5.4	3.8
Federal	17.0	17.0	14.7	0.0	2.3
Hospitals	3.2	3.2	2.9	0.0	0.3
U S Postal Service	5.1	5.1	5.0	0.0	0.1
Other Federal	8.7	8.7	6.8	0.0	1.9
State	40.2	36.5	39.2	3.7	1.0
Hospitals	2.5	2.5	2.6	0.0	-0.1
Education	18.7	14.9	17.9	3.8	0.8
Other State	19.0	19.1	18.7	-0.1	0.3
Local	71.0	69.3	70.5	1.7	0.5
Hospitals	5.1	5.0	4.9	0.1	0.2
Education	44.8	42.9	45.0	1.9	-0.2
Other Local	21.1	21.4	20.6	-0.3	0.5
Labor-Management Dispute Status	1.8	1.7	0.7	XX	XX

Women Workers
Statewide Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

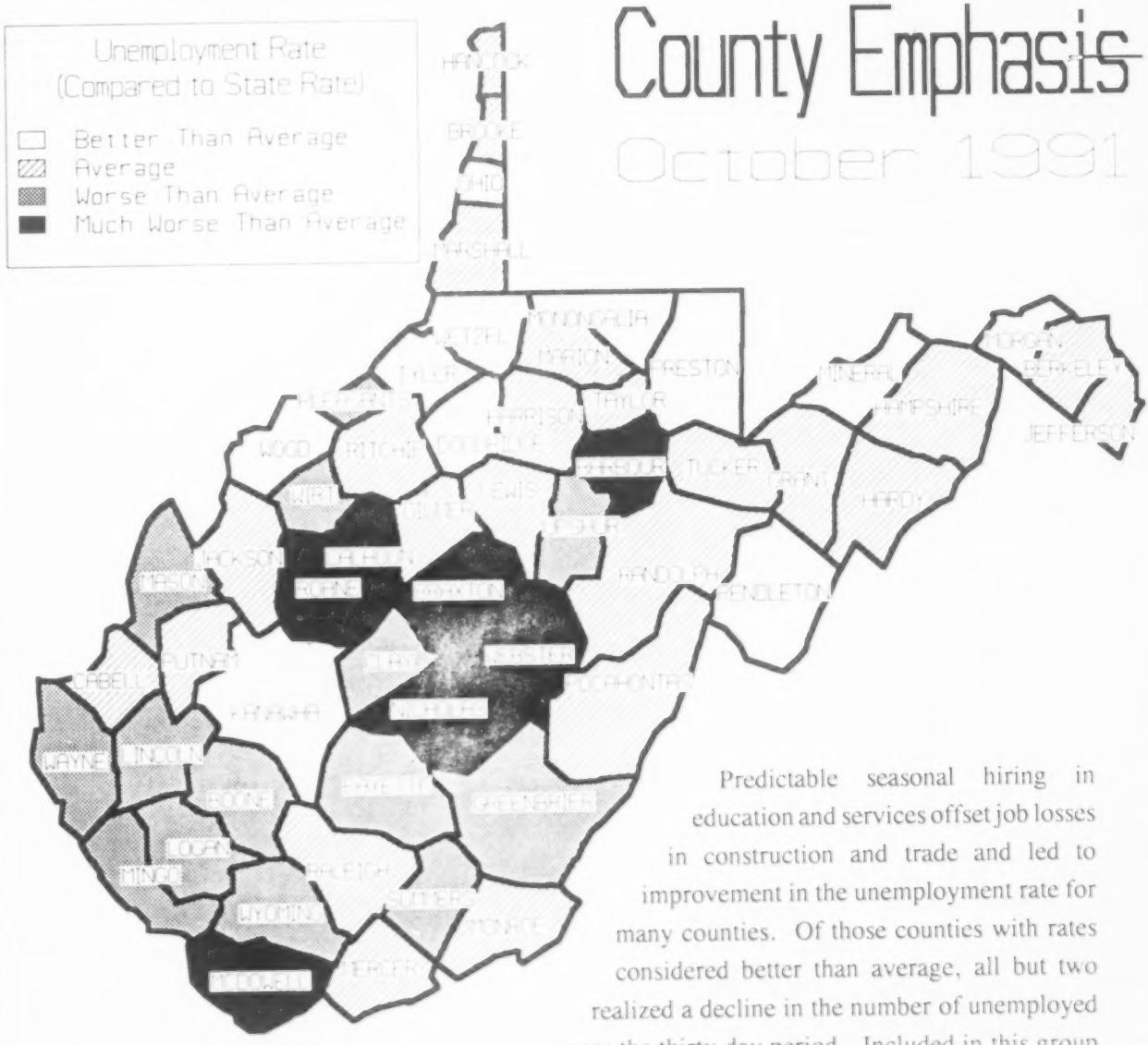
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

October 1991

	Prelim. Oct.'91	Revised Sep.'91	Revised Oct.'90	Change From: Sep. 1991	Oct. 1990
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	285.1	280.5	275.3	4.6	9.8
PRIVATE SECTOR	216.8	216.0	210.9	0.8	5.9
GOODS-PRODUCING	24.4	24.5	24.4	-0.1	0.0
Mining	2.0	2.0	2.0	0.0	0.0
Coal Mining	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.0	0.0
Oil & Gas Extraction	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Construction	2.3	2.4	2.2	-0.1	0.1
General Building Contractors	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0
Heavy Construction	0.5	0.6	0.5	-0.1	0.0
Special Trade Contractors	1.3	1.3	1.2	0.0	0.1
Manufacturing	20.1	20.1	20.2	0.0	-0.1
Durable Goods	7.4	7.6	8.0	-0.2	-0.6
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	2.2	2.3	2.3	-0.1	-0.1
Primary Metals Industries	1.0	1.1	1.2	-0.1	-0.2
Fabricated Metal Products	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.0	-0.2
Electronic & Electrical Equipment	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.0	0.1
Transportation Equipment	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.0	-0.2
Other Durable Goods	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Nondurable Goods	12.7	12.5	12.2	0.2	0.5
Food & Kindred Products	1.0	1.0	1.1	0.0	-0.1
Textile Mill Products	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.0	0.1
Apparel & Other Textile Products	3.8	3.7	3.6	0.1	0.2
Paper & Allied Products	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0
Printing & Publishing	1.9	1.8	1.8	0.1	0.1
Chemicals & Allied Products	3.0	3.0	3.0	0.0	0.0
Other Nondurable Goods	1.9	1.9	1.7	0.0	0.2
SERVICE-PRODUCING	260.7	256.0	250.9	4.7	9.8
Transportation & Public Utilities	8.3	8.3	8.1	0.0	0.2
Trucking & Warehousing	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.0	0.1
Other Transportation	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.0
Communications	3.9	3.8	3.7	0.1	0.2
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	2.4	2.4	2.4	0.0	0.0
Trade	68.6	68.5	68.6	0.1	0.0
Wholesale Trade	6.1	6.0	5.6	0.1	0.5
Retail Trade	62.5	62.5	63.0	0.0	-0.5
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.0	0.1
General Merchandise Stores	11.5	11.2	11.0	0.3	0.5
Food Stores	12.2	12.1	11.8	0.1	0.4
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	3.5	3.6	3.4	-0.1	0.1
Apparel & Accessory Stores	4.2	4.2	5.7	0.0	-1.5
Home Furniture & Equipment Stores	1.5	1.4	1.4	0.1	0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	20.7	21.2	20.4	-0.5	0.3
Miscellaneous Retail	7.9	7.8	8.4	0.1	-0.5
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	15.3	15.3	15.4	0.0	-0.1
Finance	11.0	11.0	10.8	0.0	0.2
Insurance	2.9	2.9	2.9	0.0	0.0
Real Estate	1.4	1.4	1.7	0.0	-0.3
Services	100.2	99.4	94.4	0.8	5.8
Agricultural Services	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.0	0.1
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	5.1	5.1	4.6	0.0	0.5
Personal Services	4.2	4.2	3.7	0.0	0.5
Business Services	7.4	7.3	6.8	0.1	0.6
Automotive & Miscellaneous Repair Services	1.0	1.1	1.1	-0.1	-0.1
Amusements, incl. Motion Pictures	2.7	2.9	2.7	-0.2	0.0
Health Services	47.8	47.9	46.0	-0.1	1.8
Nursing & Personal Care Homes	9.8	9.8	9.0	0.0	0.8
Hospitals	24.0	24.0	23.3	0.0	0.7
Other Health Services	14.0	14.1	13.7	-0.1	0.3
Legal Services	3.5	3.5	3.2	0.0	0.3
Educational Services	3.5	2.7	3.6	0.8	-0.1
Social Services	9.0	8.7	7.0	0.3	2.0
Membership Organizations	11.3	11.3	11.3	0.0	0.0
Engineering & Management Services	3.2	3.2	3.0	0.0	0.2
Government	68.3	64.5	64.4	3.8	3.9
Federal	7.3	7.2	6.1	0.1	1.2
Hospitals	1.8	1.7	1.6	0.1	0.2
U S Postal Service	1.4	1.4	1.3	0.0	0.1
Other Federal	4.1	4.1	3.2	0.0	0.9
State	19.5	17.1	18.2	2.4	1.3
Hospitals	1.7	1.7	1.8	0.0	-0.1
Education	10.0	7.9	9.1	2.1	0.9
Other State	7.8	7.5	7.3	0.3	0.5
Local	41.5	40.2	40.1	1.3	1.4
Hospitals	4.2	4.2	4.1	0.0	0.1
Education	30.1	28.7	28.9	1.4	1.2
Other Local	7.2	7.3	7.1	-0.1	0.1

County Emphasis

October 1991



Predictable seasonal hiring in education and services offset job losses in construction and trade and led to improvement in the unemployment rate for many counties. Of those counties with rates considered better than average, all but two realized a decline in the number of unemployed over the thirty day period. Included in this group with rates regarded as better than average are Wood (5.1), Preston (4.7), Kanawha (4.6), Wetzel (4.6), Morgan (4.5), Doddridge (4.4), Mineral (4.2), Ohio (4.0), Tyler (3.5), Monongalia (3.1), and Pendleton (2.8).

While the national economic tempo remains at a lethargic pace, more than half the counties with double-digit unemployment rates displayed gains in the number employed during the month. Most of these county rates are considered much worse than average, however. Within this group are Nicholas (10.6), Roane (11.1), Webster (11.2), Braxton (12.3), McDowell, (13.5), Calhoun (14.0), and Barbour (14.7).

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by County

*(WV Series Labor Force Data -- as calculated by the WV Bureau of Employment Programs)**

October 1991
(Revised September 1991 in parentheses)

THESE LABOR FORCE STATISTICS WERE DESIGNED TO BE USED FOR ECONOMIC ANALYSIS

County	Civilian Labor Force		Employment		Unemployment		Unemployment As Percent of Civilian Labor Force	
Barbour	5,050	(4,860)	4,300	(4,160)	740	(700)	14.7	(14.4)
Berkeley	29,220	(28,920)	27,510	(27,230)	1,710	(1,700)	5.8	(5.9)
Boone	8,240	(8,130)	7,390	(7,390)	850	(750)	10.4	(9.2)
Braxton	5,130	(5,100)	4,490	(4,440)	630	(660)	12.3	(12.9)
Brooke	10,230	(10,200)	9,590	(9,580)	640	(620)	6.2	(6.1)
Cabell	43,670	(43,420)	40,990	(40,720)	2,680	(2,690)	6.1	(6.2)
Calhoun	2,790	(2,710)	2,400	(2,420)	390	(290)	14.0	(10.7)
Clay	2,960	(3,020)	2,670	(2,700)	280	(320)	9.5	(10.7)
Doddridge	2,260	(2,250)	2,170	(2,130)	100	(120)	4.4	(5.4)
Fayette	16,650	(16,330)	15,270	(14,870)	1,380	(1,460)	8.3	(8.9)
Gilmer	3,060	(2,880)	2,840	(2,720)	220	(160)	7.2	(5.7)
Grant	4,810	(4,760)	4,540	(4,420)	280	(340)	5.7	(7.2)
Greenbrier	14,970	(15,000)	13,740	(13,840)	1,230	(1,160)	8.2	(7.7)
Hampshire	7,310	(7,420)	6,870	(6,930)	440	(480)	6.0	(6.5)
Hancock	13,770	(13,710)	12,840	(12,830)	920	(870)	6.7	(6.4)
Hardy	6,070	(6,050)	5,740	(5,800)	330	(240)	5.5	(4.0)
Harrison	28,440	(28,060)	26,530	(26,140)	1,910	(1,930)	6.7	(6.9)
Jackson	9,980	(9,980)	9,360	(9,360)	620	(620)	6.2	(6.2)
Jefferson	20,260	(20,240)	19,060	(18,830)	1,200	(1,420)	5.9	(7.0)
Kanawha	97,390	(97,320)	92,890	(92,680)	4,490	(4,640)	4.6	(4.8)
Lewis	7,240	(7,280)	6,790	(6,810)	460	(470)	6.3	(6.4)
Lincoln	7,480	(7,310)	6,770	(6,660)	710	(650)	9.5	(8.9)
Logan	13,410	(13,420)	12,200	(12,240)	1,210	(1,170)	9.0	(8.7)
McDowell	6,410	(6,540)	5,550	(5,480)	860	(1,060)	13.5	(16.2)
Marion	22,130	(21,930)	20,560	(20,290)	1,570	(1,640)	7.1	(7.5)
Marshall	14,450	(14,490)	13,530	(13,400)	920	(990)	6.4	(6.8)
Mason	9,860	(9,760)	8,980	(8,970)	890	(790)	9.0	(8.1)
Mercer	26,140	(25,640)	24,580	(24,090)	1,560	(1,560)	6.0	(6.1)
Mineral	10,390	(10,350)	9,950	(9,920)	440	(430)	4.2	(4.2)
Mingo	10,840	(10,780)	9,970	(9,950)	870	(840)	8.0	(7.8)
Monongalia	40,710	(39,800)	39,460	(38,500)	1,250	(1,300)	3.1	(3.3)
Monroe	5,220	(5,240)	4,840	(4,880)	380	(360)	7.2	(6.9)
Morgan	5,040	(5,080)	4,810	(4,790)	230	(290)	4.5	(5.7)
Nicholas	8,960	(8,910)	8,010	(7,910)	950	(1,000)	10.6	(11.2)
Ohio	23,900	(23,810)	22,930	(22,860)	970	(940)	4.0	(4.0)
Pendleton	4,000	(4,040)	3,890	(3,910)	110	(130)	2.8	(3.1)
Pleasants	2,080	(2,160)	1,890	(1,940)	190	(220)	9.1	(10.1)
Pocahontas	4,480	(4,580)	4,160	(4,200)	320	(380)	7.1	(8.2)
Preston	12,910	(12,680)	12,290	(11,990)	610	(680)	4.7	(5.4)
Putnam	16,630	(16,630)	15,580	(15,550)	1,050	(1,080)	6.3	(6.5)
Raleigh	27,480	(27,580)	25,460	(25,620)	2,020	(1,960)	7.3	(7.1)
Randolph	11,300	(11,410)	10,470	(10,330)	830	(1,100)	7.4	(9.6)
Ritchie	5,210	(5,270)	4,910	(4,870)	300	(400)	5.7	(7.7)
Roane	4,910	(4,880)	4,360	(4,390)	550	(490)	11.1	(10.0)
Summers	4,190	(4,170)	3,870	(3,910)	320	(260)	7.5	(6.3)
Taylor	5,600	(5,580)	5,200	(5,120)	400	(460)	7.2	(8.2)
Tucker	3,530	(3,620)	3,320	(3,330)	210	(300)	6.0	(8.2)
Tyler	4,670	(4,780)	4,510	(4,540)	170	(230)	3.6	(4.8)
Upshur	8,980	(8,450)	8,270	(7,640)	720	(820)	8.0	(9.7)
Wayne	15,990	(15,870)	14,700	(14,610)	1,280	(1,270)	8.0	(8.0)
Webster	2,960	(2,980)	2,630	(2,600)	330	(390)	11.2	(13.0)
Wetzel	9,230	(9,430)	8,810	(8,880)	420	(550)	4.6	(5.8)
Wirt	2,190	(2,170)	1,970	(1,910)	220	(260)	10.1	(11.9)
Wood	40,850	(41,260)	38,770	(39,010)	2,080	(2,230)	5.1	(5.4)
Wyoming	6,770	(6,750)	6,150	(6,090)	620	(670)	9.1	(9.9)
Statewide	738,300	(735,000)	691,300	(686,500)	47,000	(48,500)	6.4	(6.6)

All data have been revised to March 1990 benchmark.

*The West Virginia Bureau of Employment Programs and the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics use different methodologies in calculating the unemployment rate.

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by County

*(BLS Series Labor Force Data -- Using U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Methodology)**

October 1991
(Revised September 1991 in parentheses)

APPROVED BY THE U. S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS TO ALLOCATE FEDERAL FUNDS AND DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

County	Civilian Labor Force		Employment		Unemployment		Unemployment As Percent of Civilian Labor Force	
Barbour	5,560	(5,330)	4,410	(4,260)	1,140	(1,070)	20.5	(20.1)
Berkeley	30,840	(30,460)	28,200	(27,880)	2,630	(2,580)	8.5	(8.5)
Boone	8,890	(8,700)	7,580	(7,560)	1,320	(1,140)	14.8	(13.1)
Braxton	5,580	(5,550)	4,610	(4,540)	970	(1,010)	17.4	(18.2)
Brooke	10,810	(10,760)	9,830	(9,810)	980	(950)	9.1	(8.8)
Cabell	46,160	(45,810)	42,020	(41,700)	4,140	(4,110)	9.0	(9.0)
Calhoun	3,060	(2,920)	2,460	(2,480)	600	(440)	19.6	(15.1)
Clay	3,180	(3,250)	2,740	(2,760)	440	(490)	13.8	(15.1)
Doddridge	2,370	(2,370)	2,220	(2,180)	150	(180)	6.3	(7.6)
Fayette	17,780	(17,450)	15,650	(15,230)	2,130	(2,230)	12.0	(12.8)
Gilmer	3,250	(3,030)	2,910	(2,780)	340	(250)	10.5	(8.3)
Grant	5,080	(5,050)	4,650	(4,530)	430	(520)	8.5	(10.3)
Greenbrier	15,980	(15,940)	14,090	(14,180)	1,890	(1,760)	11.8	(11.0)
Hampshire	7,720	(7,840)	7,040	(7,100)	680	(740)	8.8	(9.4)
Hancock	14,590	(14,470)	13,170	(13,140)	1,420	(1,330)	9.7	(9.2)
Hardy	6,400	(6,310)	5,890	(5,940)	510	(370)	8.0	(5.9)
Harrison	30,150	(29,700)	27,200	(26,770)	2,950	(2,930)	9.8	(9.9)
Jackson	10,540	(10,530)	9,600	(9,590)	950	(940)	9.0	(8.9)
Jefferson	21,390	(21,440)	19,540	(19,280)	1,850	(2,160)	8.6	(10.1)
Kanawha	102,160	(101,970)	95,240	(94,910)	6,920	(7,060)	6.8	(6.9)
Lewis	7,660	(7,680)	6,960	(6,970)	700	(710)	9.1	(9.2)
Lincoln	8,040	(7,810)	6,940	(6,820)	1,100	(1,000)	13.7	(12.8)
Logan	14,380	(14,320)	12,510	(12,540)	1,870	(1,790)	13.0	(12.5)
McDowell	7,020	(7,230)	5,690	(5,610)	1,330	(1,610)	18.9	(22.3)
Marion	23,500	(23,280)	21,080	(20,780)	2,420	(2,500)	10.3	(10.7)
Marshall	15,290	(15,330)	13,880	(13,820)	1,420	(1,510)	9.3	(9.8)
Mason	10,570	(10,390)	9,200	(9,190)	1,370	(1,210)	13.0	(11.6)
Mercer	27,600	(27,040)	25,200	(24,660)	2,410	(2,370)	8.7	(8.8)
Mineral	10,880	(10,820)	10,200	(10,160)	680	(660)	6.3	(6.1)
Mingo	11,560	(11,460)	10,220	(10,180)	1,340	(1,280)	11.6	(11.2)
Monongalia	42,380	(41,410)	40,460	(39,420)	1,930	(1,990)	4.6	(4.8)
Monroe	5,540	(5,540)	4,960	(4,990)	580	(550)	10.5	(9.9)
Morgan	5,290	(5,350)	4,940	(4,900)	350	(440)	6.7	(8.2)
Nicholas	9,670	(9,620)	8,210	(8,100)	1,460	(1,520)	15.1	(15.8)
Ohio	25,000	(24,850)	23,510	(23,410)	1,490	(1,440)	6.0	(5.8)
Pendleton	4,160	(4,200)	3,990	(4,000)	170	(190)	4.1	(4.5)
Pleasants	2,230	(2,330)	1,940	(1,990)	290	(330)	13.1	(14.2)
Pocahontas	4,760	(4,880)	4,270	(4,300)	490	(580)	10.3	(11.9)
Preston	13,550	(13,320)	12,600	(12,280)	940	(1,040)	7.0	(7.8)
Putnam	17,590	(17,560)	15,980	(15,920)	1,610	(1,640)	9.2	(9.3)
Raleigh	29,210	(29,220)	26,100	(26,230)	3,110	(2,980)	10.6	(10.2)
Randolph	12,020	(12,260)	10,730	(10,580)	1,280	(1,680)	10.7	(13.7)
Ritchie	5,490	(5,600)	5,040	(4,980)	460	(620)	8.3	(11.0)
Roane	5,310	(5,240)	4,470	(4,490)	840	(750)	15.8	(14.3)
Summers	4,460	(4,410)	3,970	(4,010)	490	(400)	10.9	(9.1)
Taylor	5,950	(5,950)	5,330	(5,250)	620	(700)	10.4	(11.7)
Tucker	3,730	(3,860)	3,400	(3,410)	330	(450)	8.7	(11.7)
Tyler	4,870	(5,010)	4,620	(4,650)	260	(360)	5.2	(7.1)
Upshur	9,580	(9,060)	8,470	(7,820)	1,110	(1,240)	11.6	(13.7)
Wayne	17,050	(16,890)	15,080	(14,960)	1,980	(1,930)	11.6	(11.4)
Webster	3,200	(3,250)	2,690	(2,660)	510	(590)	15.9	(18.2)
Wetzel	9,680	(9,940)	9,030	(9,100)	650	(840)	6.7	(8.5)
Wirt	2,360	(2,350)	2,020	(1,960)	340	(390)	14.4	(16.7)
Wood	42,950	(43,360)	39,750	(39,960)	3,200	(3,400)	7.5	(7.8)
Wyoming	7,260	(7,250)	6,310	(6,230)	950	(1,020)	13.1	(14.0)
Statewide	781,300	(776,900)	708,800	(702,900)	72,500	(74,000)	9.3	(9.5)

All data have been revised to March 1990 benchmark.

*Calculated according to Current Population Survey adjusted to BLS procedures.

West Virginia Labor Force Statistics by Local Area

WV Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Oct.'91	Revised Sep.'91	Revised Oct.'90
Charleston MSA			
Labor Force	114.0	113.9	113.4
Employment	108.5	108.2	108.7
Unemployment	5.5	5.7	4.7
Rate (%)	4.9	5.0	4.1
Huntington - Ashland - Ironton MSA			
Labor Force	128.3	127.6	126.5
Employment	121.1	120.4	121.1
Unemployment	7.2	7.2	5.5
Rate (%)	5.6	5.6	4.3
Parkersburg - Marietta MSA			
Labor Force	69.7	70.3	69.2
Employment	66.7	67.1	66.4
Unemployment	3.1	3.1	2.8
Rate (%)	4.4	4.5	4.0
Wheeling - Bridgeport MSA			
Labor Force	68.4	68.2	67.8
Employment	65.5	65.4	65.8
Unemployment	2.9	2.9	2.0
Rate (%)	4.2	4.2	2.9
Clarksburg LMA			
Labor Force	36.3	35.9	35.9
Employment	33.9	33.4	33.8
Unemployment	2.4	2.5	2.1
Rate (%)	6.6	7.0	5.9
Gauley LMA			
Labor Force	11.9	11.9	11.8
Employment	10.6	10.5	10.6
Unemployment	1.3	1.4	1.2
Rate (%)	10.7	11.6	10.2
Morgantown - Kingwood LMA			
Labor Force	53.6	52.5	51.2
Employment	51.8	50.5	49.6
Unemployment	1.9	2.0	1.6
Rate (%)	3.5	3.8	3.2
New Martinsville LMA			
Labor Force	13.9	14.2	14.1
Employment	13.3	13.4	13.4
Unemployment	0.6	0.8	0.7
Rate (%)	4.2	5.5	4.8
Ronceverte - White Sulphur Springs LMA			
Labor Force	20.2	20.2	20.0
Employment	18.6	18.7	18.9
Unemployment	1.6	1.5	1.1
Rate (%)	7.9	7.5	5.7

BLS Series Labor Force Data
(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Oct.'91	Revised Sep.'91	Revised Oct.'90
Charleston MSA			
Labor Force	119.7	119.5	119.4
Employment	111.2	110.8	111.6
Unemployment	8.5	8.7	7.9
Rate (%)	7.1	7.3	6.6
Huntington - Ashland - Ironton MSA			
Labor Force	133.3	133.7	132.1
Employment	121.3	120.7	122.9
Unemployment	11.9	13.0	9.2
Rate (%)	9.0	9.7	7.0
Parkersburg - Marietta MSA			
Labor Force	72.9	73.4	72.9
Employment	68.1	68.4	68.1
Unemployment	4.7	5.0	4.8
Rate (%)	6.5	6.8	6.6
Wheeling - Bridgeport MSA			
Labor Force	71.4	71.2	70.9
Employment	66.9	66.6	67.4
Unemployment	4.4	4.6	3.5
Rate (%)	6.2	6.4	4.9
Clarksburg LMA			
Labor Force	38.5	38.0	38.2
Employment	34.8	34.2	34.6
Unemployment	3.7	3.8	3.6
Rate (%)	9.7	10.0	9.4
Gauley LMA			
Labor Force	12.9	12.9	12.9
Employment	10.9	10.8	10.9
Unemployment	2.0	2.1	2.0
Rate (%)	15.3	16.4	15.7
Morgantown - Kingwood LMA			
Labor Force	55.9	54.7	53.7
Employment	53.1	51.7	50.9
Unemployment	2.9	3.0	2.8
Rate (%)	5.1	5.5	5.2
New Martinsville LMA			
Labor Force	14.6	14.9	14.9
Employment	13.7	13.7	13.7
Unemployment	0.9	1.2	1.1
Rate (%)	6.2	8.0	7.6
Ronceverte - White Sulphur Springs LMA			
Labor Force	21.5	21.5	21.3
Employment	19.0	19.2	19.4
Unemployment	2.5	2.3	1.9
Rate (%)	11.5	10.8	9.0

CHARLESTON METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

(Counties of Kanawha and Putnam, West Virginia)

EMPLOYMENT: Total nonfarm payroll employment increased only slightly (+200) during October 1991 in the Charleston MSA. The local goods-producing sector remained unchanged, while service-producing industries only advanced by 200 jobs. Notably, retail trade fell by 100 during October. Total government increased by 300, reflecting a seasonal rise in student workers at local colleges and universities. Comparison with year-ago October 1990 total nonfarm payroll employment reveals an increase of 300 jobs. However, the current total figure of 93,600 is essentially unchanged over the year due to 400 workers who were not included in the year-ago total because of an on-going labor-management dispute in manufacturing. The decline in local retail trade (-500) is particularly unsettling, reflecting the lack of consumer confidence in the economy, both locally and nationally. However, services did advance by 800 over the year.

UNEMPLOYMENT: Resident-based total unemployment declined slightly (-200) during October 1991. The MSA unemployment rate posted a corresponding decrease to 4.9 percent of the civilian labor force. Comparison with year-ago data indicates unemployment up measurably by 800 persons, with the unemployment rate up over the 4.1 percent from a year ago.

WV Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Oct.'91	Revised Sep.'91	Revised Oct.'90
Labor Force	114.0	113.9	113.4
Employment	108.5	108.2	108.7
Unemployment	5.5	5.7	4.7
Rate (%)	4.9	5.0	4.1

BLS Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Oct.'91	Revised Sep.'91	Revised Oct.'90
Labor Force	119.7	119.5	119.4
Employment	111.2	110.8	111.6
Unemployment	8.5	8.7	7.9
Rate (%)	7.1	7.3	6.6

Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

	Prelim. Oct.'91	Revised Sep.'91	Revised Oct.'90	Change From: Sep. 1991	Change From: Oct. 1990
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	113.3	113.1	112.9	0.2	0.4
PRIVATE SECTOR	93.6	93.7	93.0	-0.1	0.6
GOODS-PRODUCING	18.3	18.3	18.0	0.0	0.3
Mining	2.2	2.2	2.1	0.0	0.1
Construction	5.3	5.2	5.3	0.1	0.0
Manufacturing	10.8	10.9	10.6	-0.1	0.2
Durable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.8	0.0	0.0
Nondurable Goods	9.0	9.1	8.8	-0.1	0.2
Chemicals & Allied Products	7.6	7.7	7.4	-0.1	0.2
Other Nondurable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.0	0.0
SERVICE-PRODUCING	95.0	94.8	94.9	0.2	0.1
Transportation & Public Utilities	9.2	9.2	9.2	0.0	0.0
Trade	29.2	29.3	29.7	-0.1	-0.5
Wholesale Trade	7.2	7.2	7.2	0.0	0.0
Retail Trade	22.0	22.1	22.5	-0.1	-0.5
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	6.5	6.5	6.5	0.0	0.0
Services	30.4	30.4	29.6	0.0	0.8
Health Services	11.3	11.2	10.6	0.1	0.7
Government	19.7	19.4	19.9	0.3	-0.2
Federal	1.9	1.9	1.8	0.0	0.1
State	9.3	9.1	9.4	0.2	-0.1
Local	8.5	8.4	8.7	0.1	-0.2
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.4	xx	xx

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Prelim. Oct.'91	Revised Sep.'91	Revised Oct.'90	Prelim. Oct.'91	Revised Sep.'91	Revised Oct.'90	Prelim. Oct.'91	Revised Sep.'91	Revised Oct.'90
Manufacturing	$614.25	$615.92	$617.79	45.5	43.9	44.8	$13.50	$14.03	$13.79
Nondurable Goods	667.85	675.28	666.47	47.5	46.0	45.9	14.06	14.68	14.52
Chemicals & Allied Products	752.98	759.02	758.74	50.4	48.1	47.6	14.94	15.78	15.94

HUNTINGTON-ASHLAND-IRONTON METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

(Counties of Cabell and Wayne, WV; Boyd, Carter and Greenup, KY; Lawrence, Ohio)

EMPLOYMENT: Total nonfarm payroll employment increased by 800 during October 1991 in the Huntington-Ashland-Ironton MSA. The largest increase occurred in state government, which advanced by 600 across the month. The reason for this increase was seasonal as student workers and part time faculty at Marshall University returned for the new school year. Local government accounted for the other increase of 200 over the month. The goods-producing sector remained unchanged in October with relatively little activity.

UNEMPLOYMENT: Unemployment in the Huntington-Ashland-Ironton MSA was unchanged from the September level of 7,200 persons. Unemployment was up 1,700 over the year from October 1990 level of 5,500. The unemployment rate was unchanged during October 1991. Comparison with year-ago October 1990, reveals an increase in the unemployment rate from 4.3 percent ot the current level of 5.6 percent of the civilian labor force.

WV Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Oct.'91	Revised Sep.'91	Revised Oct.'90
Labor Force	128.3	127.6	126.5
Employment	121.1	120.4	121.1
Unemployment	7.2	7.2	5.5
Rate (%)	5.6	5.6	4.3

BLS Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Oct.'91	Revised Sep.'91	Revised Oct.'90
Labor Force	133.3	133.7	132.1
Employment	121.3	120.7	122.9
Unemployment	11.9	13.0	9.2
Rate (%)	9.0	9.7	7.0

Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

	Prelim. Oct.'91	Revised Sep.'91	Revised Oct.'90	Change From: Sep. 1991	Change From: Oct. 1990
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	112.0	111.2	112.0	0.8	0.0
PRIVATE SECTOR	92.4	92.4	92.6	0.0	-0.2
GOODS-PRODUCING	26.4	26.4	27.0	0.0	-0.6
Mining	1.6	1.6	1.5	0.0	0.1
Construction	5.3	5.4	5.0	-0.1	0.3
Manufacturing	19.5	19.4	20.5	0.1	-1.0
Durable Goods	11.5	11.4	12.2	0.1	-0.7
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.6	1.5	1.6	0.1	0.0
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	7.4	7.4	7.9	0.0	-0.5
Other Durable Goods	2.5	2.5	2.7	0.0	-0.2
Nondurable Goods	8.0	8.0	8.3	0.0	-0.3
Apparel & Other Textile Products	1.5	1.5	1.6	0.0	-0.1
Chemicals & Petroleum	4.1	4.1	4.3	0.0	-0.2
Other Nondurable Goods	2.4	2.4	2.4	0.0	0.0
SERVICE-PRODUCING	85.6	84.8	85.0	0.8	0.6
Transportation & Public Utilities	7.6	7.6	8.1	0.0	-0.5
Trade	28.5	28.6	28.4	-0.1	0.1
Wholesale Trade	5.3	5.3	5.7	0.0	-0.4
Retail Trade	23.2	23.3	22.7	-0.1	0.5
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	3.9	3.9	3.9	0.0	0.0
Services	26.0	25.9	25.2	0.1	0.8
Health Services	10.8	10.8	10.6	0.0	0.2
Government	19.6	18.8	19.4	0.8	0.2
Federal	3.0	3.0	2.8	0.0	0.2
State	5.1	4.5	5.1	0.6	0.0
Local	11.5	11.3	11.5	0.2	0.0
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0	xx	xx

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Oct.'91	Sep.'91	Oct.'90	Oct.'91	Sep.'91	Oct.'90	Oct.'91	Sep.'91	Oct.'90
Manufacturing	$551.42	$559.94	$581.26	39.5	40.4	41.4	$13.96	$13.86	$14.04
Durable Goods	602.12	593.87	640.90	41.1	40.9	42.5	14.65	14.52	15.08
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	532.98	505.10	511.14	42.0	40.8	42.0	12.69	12.38	12.17
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	674.40	676.09	731.02	40.7	41.2	42.7	16.57	16.41	17.12
Nondurable Goods	475.79	507.28	491.93	37.2	39.6	39.8	12.79	12.81	12.36

PARKERSBURG-MARIETTA METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

(Counties of Wood, West Virginia; Washington, Ohio)

EMPLOYMENT: Total nonfarm payroll employment decreased 400 in the Parkersburg-Marietta MSA during October 1991. Goods-producing jobs declined 200 with losses posted equally in construction (-100) and manufacturing (-100). Likewise, 200 service-producing jobs disappeared within this time period. A mild contraction registered in transportation and public utilities (-100), finance, insurance, and real estate (-100), and services (-100) overshadowed a slight gain in government (+100). Comparing total nonfarm payroll employment to October 1990 indicates a moderate gain of 200. However, goods-producing businesses experienced a loss of 600 jobs. A decrease was posted in construction (-100), and manufacturing (-500). Service-producing employment expanded by 800. Improvements were noted in trade (+300), services (+300), and government (+200).

UNEMPLOYMENT: The number of unemployed in the Parkersburg-Marietta MSA remained unchanged during October 1991. The unemployment rate dropped to 4.4 percent of the civilian labor force. Compared to October 1990, the unemployment rate rose from 4.0 to 4.4 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Oct.'91	Revised Sep.'91	Revised Oct.'90
Labor Force	69.7	70.3	69.2
Employment	66.7	67.1	66.4
Unemployment	3.1	3.1	2.8
Rate (%)	4.4	4.5	4.0

BLS Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Oct.'91	Revised Sep.'91	Revised Oct.'90
Labor Force	72.9	73.4	72.9
Employment	68.1	68.4	68.1
Unemployment	4.7	5.0	4.8
Rate (%)	6.5	6.8	6.6

Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

	Prelim. Oct.'91	Revised Sep.'91	Revised Oct.'90	Change From: Sep. 1991	Change From: Oct. 1990
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	62.4	62.8	62.2	-0.4	0.2
PRIVATE SECTOR	52.6	53.1	52.6	-0.5	0.0
GOODS-PRODUCING	17.4	17.6	18.0	-0.2	-0.6
Mining	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0
Construction	2.9	3.0	3.0	-0.1	-0.1
Manufacturing	14.0	14.1	14.5	-0.1	-0.5
Durable Goods	6.9	6.9	7.2	0.0	-0.3
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	1.7	1.7	1.8	0.0	-0.1
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	2.8	2.8	3.0	0.0	-0.2
Other Durable Goods	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.0	0.0
Nondurable Goods	7.1	7.2	7.3	-0.1	-0.2
Chemicals & Allied Products	5.3	5.4	5.5	-0.1	-0.2
Other Nondurable Goods	1.8	1.8	1.8	0.0	0.0
SERVICE-PRODUCING	45.0	45.2	44.2	-0.2	0.8
Transportation & Public Utilities	2.4	2.5	2.4	-0.1	0.0
Trade	15.3	15.3	15.0	0.0	0.3
Wholesale Trade	3.0	3.0	2.8	0.0	0.2
Retail Trade	12.3	12.3	12.2	0.0	0.1
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	2.2	2.3	2.2	-0.1	0.0
Services	15.3	15.4	15.0	-0.1	0.3
Health Services	4.7	4.7	4.5	0.0	0.2
Government	9.8	9.7	9.6	0.1	0.2
Federal	1.9	1.9	1.7	0.0	0.2
State	1.2	1.1	1.2	0.1	0.0
Local	6.7	6.7	6.7	0.0	0.0
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0	xx	xx

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Prelim. Oct.'91	Revised Sep.'91	Revised Oct.'90	Prelim. Oct.'91	Revised Sep.'91	Revised Oct.'90	Prelim. Oct.'91	Revised Sep.'91	Revised Oct.'90
Manufacturing	571.61	587.70	$569.50	40.8	41.3	41.6	$14.01	$14.23	$13.69
Durable Goods	455.04	482.30	476.63	37.7	38.4	39.1	12.07	12.56	12.19
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	536.31	590.97	506.74	42.7	42.7	43.2	12.56	13.84	11.73
Primary & Fabricated Metal Products	466.31	439.74	508.64	35.3	33.8	37.4	13.21	13.01	13.60
Nondurable Goods	712.45	714.11	680.15	44.5	44.8	44.6	16.01	15.94	15.25

WHEELING-BRIDGEPORT METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA

(Counties of Marshall and Ohio, West Virginia; Belmont, Ohio)

EMPLOYMENT: Total nonfarm payroll employment posted a slight increase (+200) during October 1991 in the Wheeling-Bridgeport MSA. The goods-producing sector remained stable during the month. Mining reflected a decrease (-100), while manufacturing increased by 100 and construction remained stable. The service-producing sector experienced an increase for October (+200). This increase was due in large part to an increase in government (+400) as reflected in the state (+200) and local (+200) sectors. Services also had an increase for the month (+100). Finance, insurance and real estate showed no change, while transportation and public utilities (-100) and trade (-200) declined. Comparison with year-ago October 1990 data reveals that total nonfarm payroll employment experienced a slight decrease (-200). The goods-producing sector reflected a large decrease (-400). This was in part offset by an increase in the service-producing sector (+200). Mining (-100), construction (-200), and manufacturing (-100) all experienced decreases. Services (+400), finance and insurance and real estate (+100) and government (+100) advanced over the year, while transportation and public utilities (-200) and trade (-200) declined.

UNEMPLOYMENT: Total unemployment did not change for month of October. The MSA unemployment rate also remained unchanged at 4.2 percent of the civilian labor force. Comparison with year-ago October 1990 reveals that unemployment increased by 900, while the unemployment rate rose from 2.9 percent to the current 4.2 percent.

WV Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Oct.'91	Revised Sep.'91	Revised Oct.'90
Labor Force	68.4	68.2	67.8
Employment	65.5	65.4	65.8
Unemployment	2.9	2.9	2.0
Rate (%)	4.2	4.2	2.9

BLS Series Labor Force Data

(In Thousands - Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	Prelim. Oct.'91	Revised Sep.'91	Revised Oct.'90
Labor Force	71.4	71.2	70.9
Employment	66.9	66.6	67.4
Unemployment	4.4	4.6	3.5
Rate (%)	6.2	6.4	4.9

Nonfarm Payroll Employment by Industry

	Prelim. Oct.'91	Revised Sep.'91	Revised Oct.'90	Change From: Sep. 1991	Change From: Oct. 1990
TOTAL NONFARM PAYROLL	60.6	60.4	60.8	0.2	-0.2
PRIVATE SECTOR	51.3	51.5	51.6	-0.2	-0.3
GOODS-PRODUCING	11.5	11.5	11.9	0.0	-0.4
Mining	2.2	2.3	2.3	-0.1	-0.1
Construction	2.0	2.0	2.2	0.0	-0.2
Manufacturing	7.3	7.2	7.4	0.1	-0.1
Durable Goods	2.9	2.8	3.0	0.1	-0.1
Nondurable Goods	4.4	4.4	4.4	0.0	0.0
SERVICE-PRODUCING	49.1	48.9	48.9	0.2	0.2
Transportation & Public Utilities	3.2	3.3	3.4	-0.1	-0.2
Trade	16.0	16.2	16.2	-0.2	-0.2
Wholesale Trade	2.8	2.8	2.8	0.0	0.0
Retail Trade	13.2	13.4	13.4	-0.2	-0.2
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	3.1	3.1	3.0	0.0	0.1
Services	17.5	17.4	17.1	0.1	0.4
Health Services	7.8	7.8	7.6	0.0	0.2
Government	9.3	8.9	9.2	0.4	0.1
Federal	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.0
State	1.8	1.6	1.8	0.2	0.0
Local	6.8	6.6	6.7	0.2	0.1
Labor-Management Dispute Status	0.0	0.0	0.0	xx	xx

Average Hours and Earnings of Production Workers in Manufacturing

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Prelim. Oct.'91	Revised Sep.'91	Revised Oct.'90	Prelim. Oct.'91	Revised Sep.'91	Revised Oct.'90	Prelim. Oct.'91	Revised Sep.'91	Revised Oct.'90
Manufacturing	$661.16	$709.97	$595.78	46.3	47.3	42.8	$14.28	$15.01	$13.92
Nondurable Goods	650.80	660.33	672.54	43.3	43.3	43.7	15.03	15.25	15.39
Durable Goods	673.30	771.95	508.71	49.8	52.3	41.8	13.52	14.76	12.17

Applicants and Nonfarm Job Openings in West Virginia Job Service Offices

Occupational Category	Applicants Available Program Year to Date 2/	Active File	NONFARM JOB OPENINGS Received Program Year to Date 2/	UNFILLED Total	UNFILLED 30 Days or More	FILLED Total	Applicant/ Openings Program Year to Date	Active File/ Unfilled Openings End of Month
TOTAL 3/	121,988	67,256	17,701	2,501	1,411	13,714	6.9	26.9
Professional, Technical & Managerial	12,620	7,377	473	153	68	192	26.7	48.2
Clerical & Sales	32,578	17,393	3,103	810	434	1,982	10.5	21.5
Services	14,354	7,584	2,398	423	193	1,541	6.0	17.9
Agricultural, Fishery & Forestry	987	484	46	10	5	28	21.5	48.4
Processing	6,238	3,850	420	107	94	388	14.9	36.0
Machine Trades	8,259	4,926	447	81	44	301	18.5	60.8
Benchwork	5,178	3,119	222	94	40	126	23.3	33.2
Structural Work	19,935	11,612	936	243	174	547	21.3	47.8
Miscellaneous	25,857	12,523	9,656	580	359	8,609	2.7	21.6
Transportation	5,560	3,237	377	95	45	185	14.7	34.1
Packaging & Materials Handling	15,156	5,897	8,963	380	296	8,257	1.7	15.5
Other 4/	5,141	3,389	316	105	18	167	16.3	32.3
Entry Total 5/	18	2	0	0	0	0	xx	xx

1/ Source of Data: SAMS (State Employment Security Automated Management System); Table A96 containing fully registered applicants.
2/ Period Covered: July 1, 1991 through September 30, 1991. Program Year 1991 defined as July 1, 1991 through June 30, 1992.
3/ Total excludes invalid occupational data.
4/ Includes mining, logging, utilities, miscellaneous amusement and recreation, and graphic art work.
5/ Applicants for whom a complete occupational code cannot be assigned because of lack of training/experience.

Select Unemployment Compensation Claims Activities

State UI Program Activity	Oct. 1991	Sept. 1991	Oct. 1990	Percent Change to Oct. 1991 from: Sept. 1991	Oct. 1990
Total Initial Claims 1/	9,209	6,065	8,494	51.8	8.4
Total Continued Weeks	77,931	78,693	60,769	-1.0	28.2
Total Benefits Paid	$10,204,931	$10,746,812	$7,350,434	-5.0	38.8
Total Weeks Compensated	64,811	67,627	50,919	-4.2	27.3
Average Weekly Payment	$157.46	$158.91	$144.36	-0.9	9.1
Monthly Insured Unemployment Rate 2/	2.7	3.2	2.3	xx	xx
UC Fund Balance, End of Month	$150,174,165	$127,747,961	$155,076,011	17.6	-3.2

1/ Excluding transitional claims.
2/ Seasonally unadjusted.

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